13. A method according to claim 1, wherein applying the pulses comprises applying the pulses so as to induce depolarization in at least a region of the heart.

23. A method according to claim 16, wherein applying the signal comprises applying electrical energy to the heart at a peak rate which is less than about 100 W.

25. A method according to claim 16, wherein applying the signal comprises applying respective signals at a plurality of sites on the heart.

27. A method according to claim 16, wherein applying the signal comprises applying the signal so as to induce depolarization in at least a region of the heart.

36. A method according to claim 35, wherein applying the signal comprises applying electrical energy to the heart at a peak rate which is less than about 100 W.

38. A method according to claim 35, wherein applying the signal comprises applying respective signals at a plurality of sites on the heart.

40. A method according to claim 35, wherein applying the signal comprises applying the signal so as to induce depolarization in at least a region of the heart.

43. A method according to claim 35, wherein applying the electrical signal comprises modifying a parameter of the signal during the application thereof.

44. A method according to claim 35, wherein applying the signal comprises applying to the heart electrical pulses at a first frequency, and wherein terminating the electrical signal comprises reducing the frequency to a second frequency.

54. Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit is adapted to drive the electrodes to apply the pulses such that a peak transfer rate of electrical energy to the heart is less than about 100 W.

56. Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit is adapted to drive the electrodes to apply the pulses so as to induce depolarization in at least a region of the heart.

67. Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit is adapted to drive the electrodes to apply the signal such that a peak transfer rate of electrical energy to the heart is less than about 100 W.

69. Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit is adapted to drive the electrodes to apply the signal so as to induce depolarization in at least a region of the heart.

79. Apparatus according to claim 72, wherein the control unit is adapted to drive the electrodes to apply the signal such that a peak transfer rate of electrical energy to the heart is less than about 100 W.

81. Apparatus according to claim 72, wherein the control unit is adapted to drive the electrodes to apply the signal so as to induce depolarization in at least a region of the heart.

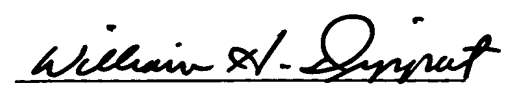
84. Apparatus according to claim 72, wherein the control unit is adapted to modify a parameter of the electrical signal during the application thereof.

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-85. Claims 9, 11, 13, 23, 25, 27, 36, 38, 40, 43, 44, 54, 56, 67, 69, 79, 81 and 84 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Notice of allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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